

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are always pleased to recognize a couple whose loving devotion to each other has enabled them to experience a very long, happy, and successful marriage; and

**Whereas**, October 3, 2003, will irrefutably be a very special day for Mr. and Mrs. Octa McMillan as they commemorate the truly magnificent occasion of the Sixty-seventh Wedding Anniversary; and

**Whereas**, it was sixty-seven years ago on October 3, 1936, that Octa McMillan, son of Jim and Cora McMillan of southern Dallas County, Missouri, took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ruth Funkhouser, daughter of Henry and Nellie Funkhouser of Springfield, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging their wedding vows during a lovely ceremony officiated by the Reverend Charlie Claspill; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Octa and Ruth McMillan have been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children, Carolyn Ferrell of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Beth Marsh of Springfield, and Robert McMillan of Fair Grove; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Octa McMillan has spent many years as an avid woodcarver, while Ruth is a published writer of poems and songs who is well-known for her entertaining at the Dallas County Historical Park and the Fair Grove Heritage Reunion Festival and as the former Olive community correspondent for the Buffalo Reflex; and

**Whereas**, long-time members of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Olive, Octa and Ruth McMillan have experienced a love so wonderful that it is deeply embedded in their hearts where nothing can threaten it as they walk together hand-in-hand sharing the joys and rewards of true companionship:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Octa and Ruth McMillan at this significant milestone in their married life and in wishing them continued prosperity as they begin their sixty-eighth year of wedded bliss; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Octa McMillan, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4129, adopted September 22, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker